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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA SUMMER SCHEDULES

REF: ATHENS 6550

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOVEMBER 1965 AGREED MINUTE, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FILE TWA WINTER SCHEDULES BY SEPTEMBER 13, 1974 WITH APPROPRIATE GREEK AUTHORITIES. THE TWA REPRESENTATIVE IN ATHENS WILL PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH COPIES OF THE SCHEDULES.

2. TWA PLANS TO CONTINUE THE NEW YORK-ROME-ATHENS DAILY SERVICE BUT INSTEAD OF BEING OPERATED WITH B-747 EQUIPMENT ON BOTH SEGMENTS, THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE THE NEW YORK-ROME SEGMENT WITH B-747 EQUIPMENT AND HAVE A CHANGE OF GAUGE TO B-707 EQUIPMENT ON THE ROME-ATHENS SEGMENT. THE NEW YORK-LISBON-MADRID-ROME-ATHENS SERVICE WILL INCREASE FROM FOUR TO FIVE WEEKLY FLIGHTS. THE NEW YORK-ATHENS SERVICE WILL INCREASE FROM ONE TO SEVEN WEEKLY FLIGHTS. THUS, TWA WILL HAVE NINETEEN WEEKLY B-707 FREQUENCIES IN PLACE OF LAST WINTER'S TWELVE WEEKLY FREQUENCIES (SEVEN B-747 AND FIVE B-707). THIS RESULTS IN A NONSTOP CAPACITY INCREASE OF 600 PERCENT, A MULTI-STOP CAPACITY DECREASE OF 44 PERCENT AND AN OVERALL CAPACITY DECREASE

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OF 16 PERCENT.

3. FYI: ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1974 HOWEVER, TWA AND OLYMPIC HELD CAPACITY DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND CAME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE WINTER SCHEDULES. TWA AGREED TO ELIMINATE THREE OF THE SEVEN NEW YORK-ATHENS SERVICES AND OLYMPIC AGREED TO ELIMINATE ONE NONSTOP SERVICE IN RETURN. THE AGREEMENT REQUIRES APPROVAL OF THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF BOTH PARTIES. THE CAB HAS NOT IN PAST DISAPPROVED ANY SIMILAR INTERCARRIER AGREEMENTS, AND IF CAB AND GREEK AUTHORITIES APPROVE IT, SCHEDULES NOTED PARA 1 ABOVE WILL BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT AGREEMENT.

4. WE STILL EXPECT OLYMPIC TO FILE ITS WINTER SCHEDULES IN TIMELY FASHION EVEN THOUGH ITS SCHEDULES LIKE TWA'S ARE LIKELY TO CHANGE DUE TO THE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, A SLIGHT DELAY IS NOT OBJECTIONABLE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. END FYI. KISSINGER

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